

# Fire Chief Married In Bell-Clanging Atmosphere



Not to be denied by any West Point wedding, Yardley firemen cross their axes as newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fesmire emerge from St. Ignatius church, Yardley after their wedding Saturday. The groom is a Richboro fire chief. The bride, the former Barbara McKee, is a Yardley auxiliary fire president.



The newlyweds get set to use the most natural transportation they know. Keep your big cars, we'll take the fire truck, they agree.



And away we go to the road of wedded bliss. The couple set out on their honeymoon, with the clanging sirens and the flaming red engine of the Yardley fire truck. The sign tells it all, "Just Married."

## WEATHER

Cloudy with rain today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 35 to 40. Low tonight in the middle 30's.

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## Police Find Friend Of Girl's Slayer

Dishwasher Admits Killing 2 Chicago Teenage Sisters

CHICAGO — UP — A man sought as a Skid Row dishwasher's suspected accomplice in the slaying of two teen-aged sisters turned up in custody today on another charge.

Police said they were already holding on a disorderly conduct charge William Willingham Jr., 26, Richmond, Va., a self-styled hillbilly singer and photographer's salesman.

Mrs. Minnie Duras, Skid Row restaurant proprietor, identified Willingham as the man who was with the dishwasher Bennie Bedwell and the Grimes sisters — Barbara, 15, and Patricia, 13.

Bedwell has already confessed beating the sisters and tossing their bodies into a snowy ditch (Continued on Page 3, Col. 4)

## Good Evening!

Democrats blasting Mr. Dulles.

Maybe the secretary of state has made a few mistakes, but the "old pro" has done something of a distinguished job in foreign affairs—not only during the past four years, but for virtually a lifetime as well.

So, we say, let 'em blast, remembering as we do that the GOP had a field day against former Secretary Dean Acheson, head-and-shoulders above any secretary we had had in the previous half century.

All we hope is that too much politics doesn't begin showing in our very delicate foreign business.

Weather? Nothing much to brag about.

Gloomy this a.m., gloomier as the rains begin this p.m., and probably gloomiest tonight when the drizzle will settle down in earnest.

However, cheers. Only three more days of January and then we start hearing about the first robin, the first cardinal, the first blue bird, and looking ahead to the first morning some guy in the neighborhood gets up awake with a screaming lawnmower.

Sometimes when we look ahead we figure maybe winter, too, has its compensations.

Well, anyhow, here's a bit of advice: Get ready to support the March of Dimes in your neighborhood.

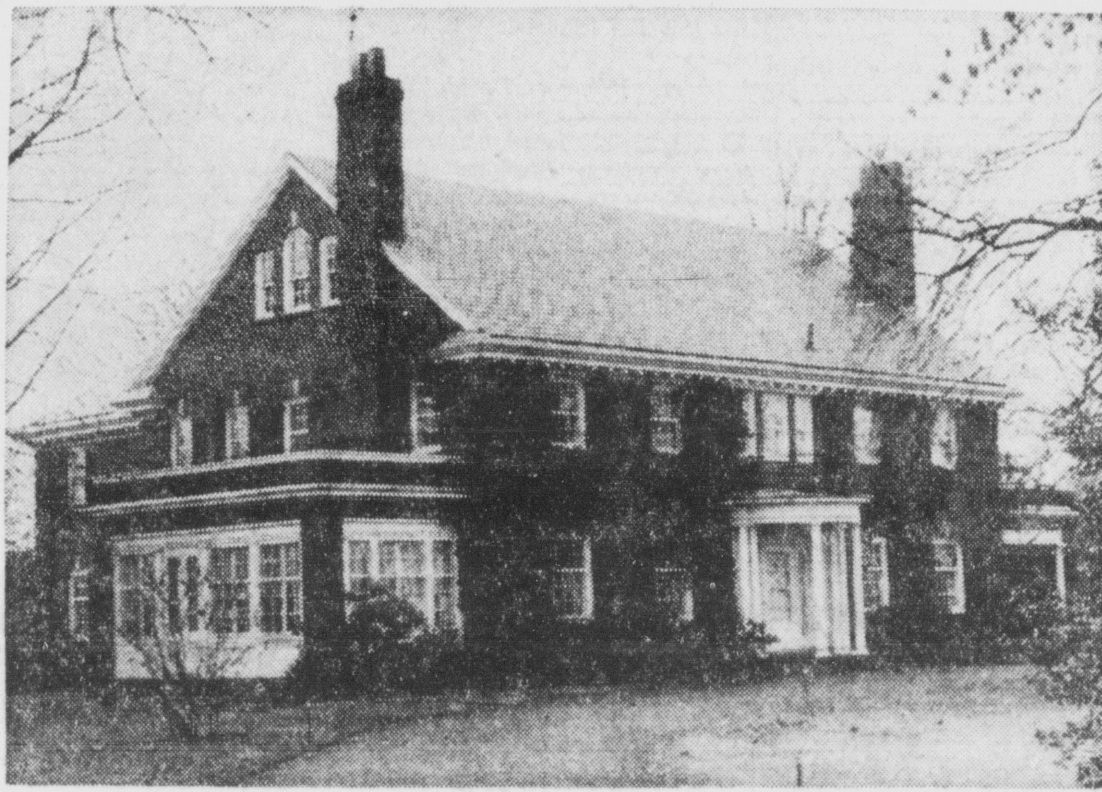
Still much to be done before polio and its problems are eradicated. Your dimes and your dollars still needed.

Incidentally, if you're thinking about a vacation, start saving a dollar a day right now just to prove you'll still be broke when you get back from it.

Philadelphia man married the girl rather than face a breach-of-promise suit. She got back her lost youth.

If you drive, be careful.

## House Of Distinction



One of the finer homes in Lower Makefield is the Murray home on Makefield and Yardley roads.

## The Old and The New

## Lower Makefield Is Proud Of Its People And Homes

(This is the third in a five-part series.)

By MAURY ALLEN  
Courier and Times Staff Writer

Among the lofty houses and sprawling lands of Lower Makefield township, is growing up a group of people who stand as part of the elite of Lower Bucks.

Like a steel wall made impassable, the boundaries of Lower Makefield are crossed only by the rank and class of the hierarchy of business, industry and profession.

A township roster reflects the names of leaders of business and industry throughout Lower Bucks and surrounding areas.

Lower Makefield names are held in esteem in Philadelphia and Trenton.

There are some who exert pressure in New York. Influence of others is felt as far away as Pittsburgh.

Lower Makefield is the residence of the newly-elected Congressman, Willard S. Curtin.

Congressman Curtin, his wife, and their two sons live in a tastefully decorated 11-room home on Glen Valley road.

Other citizens of the township include a retired general; executives of U.S. Steel; a tobacco company owner; a wire and cable business official; a U.S. Rubber executive, engineers, doctors, and lawyers by the score.

### Older Group

Unlike other new areas in Lower Bucks, the average age group in Lower (Continued On Page 11)

# Two Incendiary Bombs Are Found In Trevoise Area

## Southampton Police Press Investigation

Chief Wunsch Warns Residents To Be On Lookout

Lower Southampton police today are examining two home-made "incendiary bombs" found last night in a house under construction in Trevoise Heights.

The bombs were composed of paper thickly soaked in paraffin and twisted around matches. Fuses extended from the bombs, and they were also coated with paraffin, according to Chief Edward Wunsch of Lower Southampton police.

The bombs were discovered by George Cartisian, who is building a home at 638 Avenue D, Trevoise Heights. He took them to a neighbor, Anthony Fecca, who notified police.

### Be On Lookout

An intensive investigation is being conducted by Lower Southampton police, Chief Wunsch said. The chief explained that the bombs could have caused "very severe damage to the house."

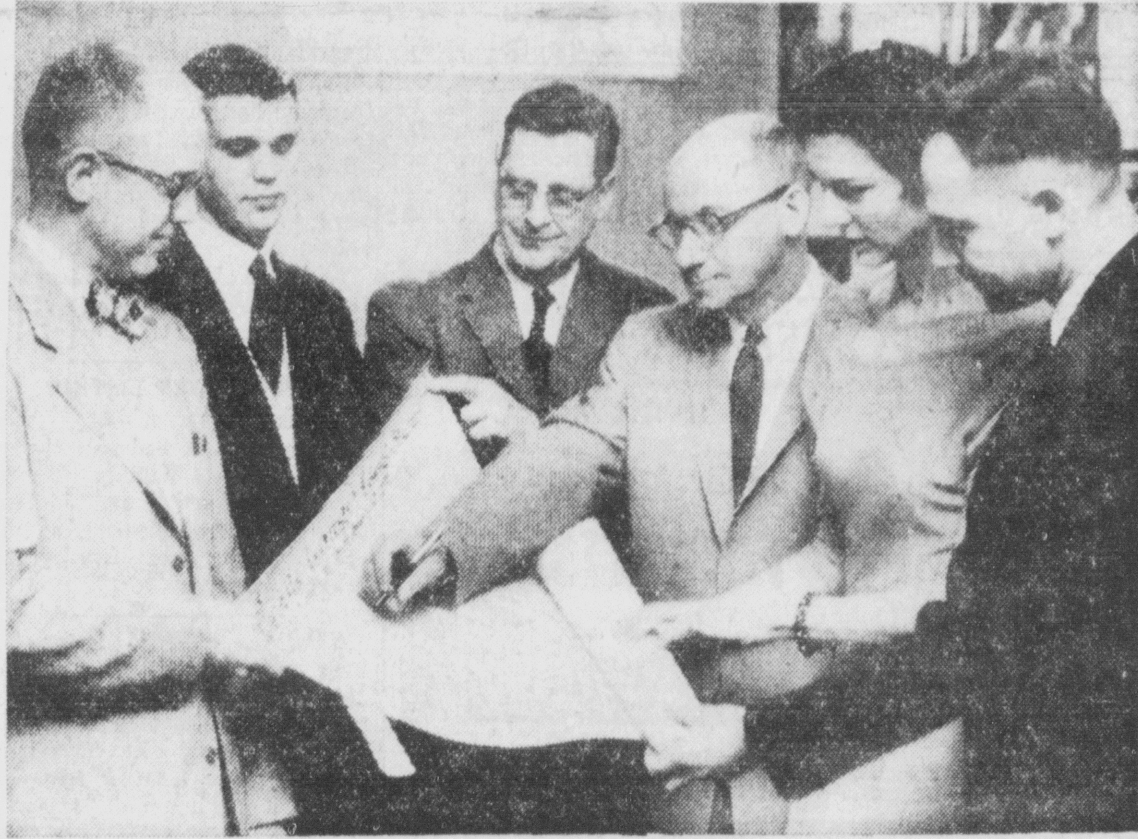
"When we apprehend the bomb-makers they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," said the chief.

Chief Wunsch warned residents of the area to be on the lookout for such bombs. He said he believes it is important for the public to know what they look like.

Police have warned residents not to touch bombs if they should find any, but to notify police headquarters immediately.

The chief said future findings in the bomb case will be made public.

## Scroll Signed As Memento



Following formal inauguration ceremonies yesterday afternoon, persons attending the open house of the new Falls Institute for Liberal Studies at the William Penn Center were invited to sign a scroll as a memento of the occasion. Signing the paper (from left) are Samuel Prellwitz, presiding chairman of the Board of Directors of the Friends Service Association; Rev. Donald Zabler, assistant pastor of the Morrisville Presbyterian Church; Wayne A. Dockhorn, executive director of the William Penn Center; George G. Gray, editor of the Bristol Courier and Levittown Times; Mrs. Eleanor R. Kresbach, registrar; and Marius Livingston, director of the Institute.

## New Falls Institute Inaugurated

The Falls Institute for Liberal Studies, the region's new and promising educational undertaking, was formally inaugurated yesterday afternoon at William Penn Center with more than 200 attending appropriate ceremonies.

Termed as an "enduring contribution to community through providing opportunity of educational advantage for all who desire it" the Institute will begin (Continued on Page 3, Col. 3)

## Officials To Study 1-Horse Spans

Officials from Bristol and Middletown Townships together with State Assemblyman A. Patrick Brennan will confer with the Secretary of Highway department tomorrow on the two one-lane bridges in Levittown.

Rep. Brennan explained that at present the department has no plans for eliminating or widening the bridges. But he added S. Curtis Weikert, acting district engineer for the department, had inspected the bridges recently and submitted a report to Harrisburg.

The officials will discuss the possibility of including improvement of the bridges in the department's plans with Joseph Lawler, highway secretary.

### To Ask for More

"The important thing now is to get Harrisburg to recognize the situation with the bridges and to get plans under way to correct them," Brennan said today. At the same time, he said, the group will ask for the surfacing of Bristol-Oxford Valley road from Newportville road to Chick-enfoot. The road is now nothing but dirt or mud. The group, which will include Angus T. Johnson, Middletown

## Badly Burned Girl Battles For Her Life

Two-year-old Kathleen McElhane, seriously burned over two-thirds of her body as a result of playing with matches, was fighting for her life in Lower Bucks County Hospital today.

The child suffered first, second and third degree burns of the chest, face, legs, abdomen and right arm when she set fire to her clothes. The hospital today said her condition is critical. Kathleen ran screaming from a first floor bedroom, of her home on Route 413 and Frosty Hollow road, near Levittown, enveloped in flames shortly before noon yesterday.

### Mother to Rescue

Her mother, Mrs. Shirley McElhane, 27, heard the screams and ran to the living room. She grabbed a blanket from the bedroom and rolled the child in it to smother the flames.

The mother also received first and second degree burns of the left hand while fighting the flames. She was treated and released at the hospital.

Mrs. McElhane said she had (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)

## Ike Asks Billions To Help Schools

WASHINGTON — UP — President Eisenhower asked Congress today to vote \$2,220,000,000 in federal aid over the next four years to help states overcome a "most critical" shortage of schoolrooms.

In a 2,000-word special message to the House and Senate, the Chief Executive appealed for quick passage of an "emergency" program designed to overcome the nation's present "deficit" of about 159,000 classrooms.

In an effort to head off the fight over school segregation riders which blocked action on a similar school program last year, Mr. Eisenhower appealed to Congress to enact the measure "on its own merits, uncomplicated by provisions dealing with the complex problems of integration."

### President's Proposals

1. Federal grants of \$325 million annually for the next four years, a total of \$1.3 billion, to help build public schools in "financially needy" school districts. The federal money would be distributed under a complex formula

taking into account the number of school-age children in a state and the state's average income per school-age child.

2. During the first year of the program, 1957, the federal aid would have to be matched by outlays from either state or local school district funds. After the first year, the matching funds would have to come solely from (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

## Delaware Valley Philharmonic Holds Audience Spellbound

By KAY BLINCOE  
Courier and Times Staff Writer

The Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra and chorus knows how to hold an audience spellbound and proved it yesterday with their first "pops" concert.

Miss Evelyn Deodato, mezzo-soprano, thrilled some 600 persons with her interpretation of Sig-

mund Romberg's "One Kiss," from "New Moon," and repeated with Romberg's "Sweethearts," from "Maytime."

The concert at Neshaminy High school, Langhorne, moved rapidly and without flaw. Conductor Henry Kerr Williams chose excellent selections for his group's first venture into the "pops" field. The orchestra moved spritely through the stirring phrases of

Franz Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony," and joining with the chorus, had the audience tapping its feet to Cole Porter's rhythmic "Begin the Beguine."

High Point

Perhaps the high point in the program came when Levittown pianist Mrs. Lorna Jack and orchestra enthralled the audience with George Gershwin's jazzy (Continued on Page 3, Col. 8)

## Inside Today

Lower Bucks bowlers tangled with the best in Philadelphia in the city's Championship tournament. See how they made out. Page 9.

### Two Good Subjects

Paul Conly French talks about two popular subjects today — weather and taxes. Page 2.

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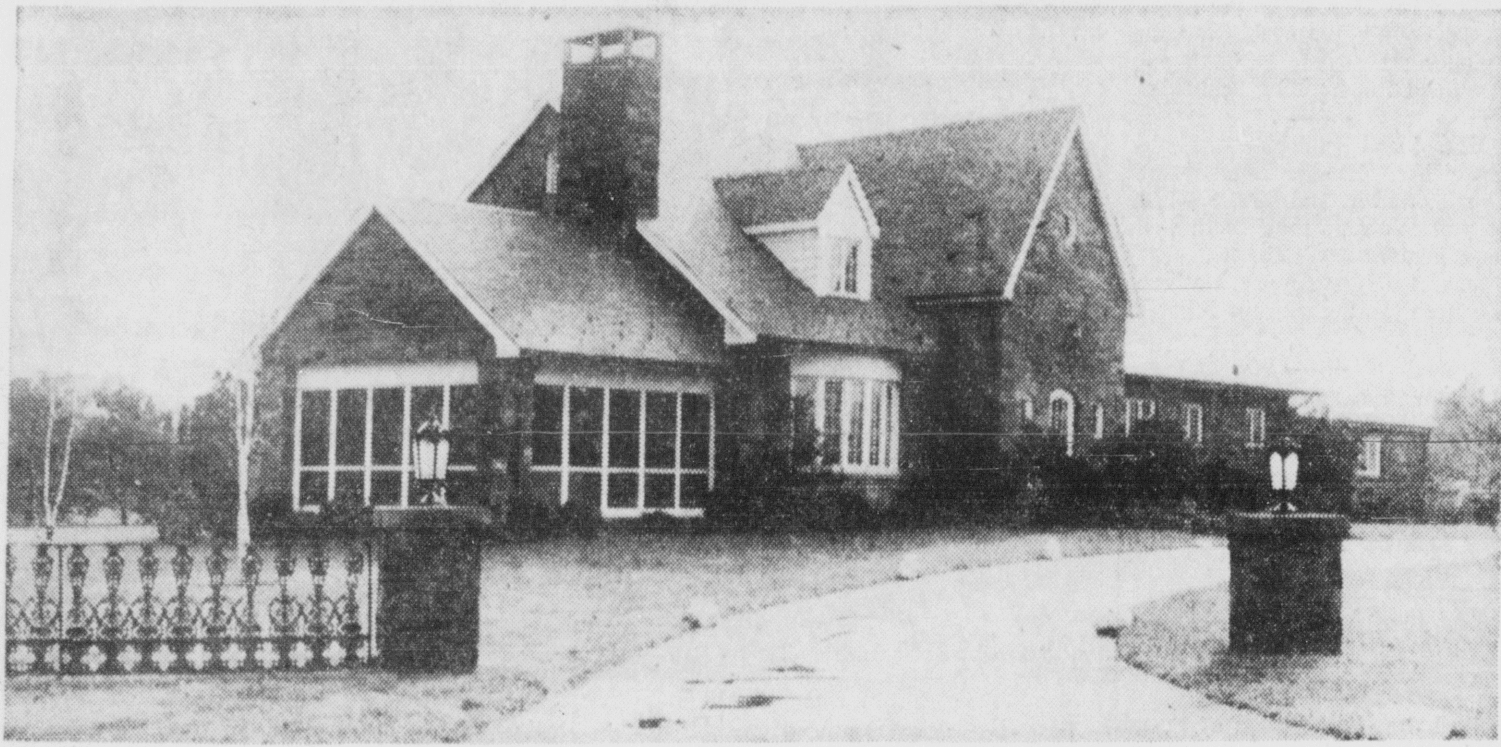
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# Morrisville • Yardley • Makefield

## Study Continues On Morrisville Entering Jointure Plan

Stylish Makefield Home



The Carr home on Edgewood road and Yardley road is an example of one of the more luxurious homes in Lower Makefield township.

### Lower Makefield Is Proud Of Its People And Homes

(Continued from Page One)

Makefield is closer to the 40's than the 30's. Two distinct and separate groups exist. The first is the executive, forties, on the brink of graduating from the middle income class, with a wife and two high school age children.

These people are the newest in the area. Most have come within the last 10 years. They are college graduates with a strong intellectual feeling.

Civic associations and service groups flourish among these people. They are politically aware and community minded. They like the positions they have achieved. They work constantly to protect their homes, their jobs and their future.

Another class among the Lower Makefield residents is the retired and semi-retired group.

These are the people that are pushing 60. They have labored to high positions through intelligence, ambition, and drive.

They are determined to live out their remaining lives in comfort. They reside in the bigger homes with the larger lands and have more time on their hands.

**Elder Statesmen**

From this group come the elder statesmen of the township. Many of these people were here before the U.S. Steel influx. They are set in their ways and suspicious of the newcomers. They are the hard-rock of the community. They remember the township when only the select few had homes there.

Backgrounds of the Lower Makefield residents offer a conglomerate found in few communities.

From Pittsburgh came Edgar Speer, who owns a home on Edgewood road, to the head job as general superintendent of U.S. Steel at the Fairless Works.

**Commuter**

Other steel executives include John A. Eckel, from Chicago, who lives on Yardley road; Fred Laf-

erty, who lives on North Homestead drive and M. J. Rich, who lives on Glen road. Both these gentlemen came from the Pittsburgh offices of the steel company.

Commuting to New York daily for his position as traffic manager for United States Rubber is Ross Bennington of Sylvan terrace. Mr. Bennington rides the Pennsylvania Railroad to New York and settles for the day in the plush offices of the United States Rubber co. in Rockefeller Center, New York.

The Philadelphia-born Bennington is a graduate of Pennsylvania's Wharton school and recently completed a course in advanced management in Harvard University.

**Retired General**

On Colonial Ridge drive lives Lower Makefield's retired World War II hero, Gen. Clifford Bluemel.

Gen. Bluemel recently received a decoration for distinguished service during the battle of Bataan from the government of the Philippine Islands.

The general was a victim of the infamous "Bataan death march" of 1942 and a prisoner of the Japanese for three and a half years.

**Impressive Homes**

Two of the most dramatically impressive homes in Lower Makefield belong to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carr and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Murray.

The Carr home on Yardley road includes about 12 rooms—Mrs. Carr is uncertain—built of marble and seasoned lumber and a year and half in construction.

The house is about four years old. Some of the marble is over 200 years old. The house includes a 20x65 foot recreation room. A swimming pool, a cabana, a balcony, and a reception room add to the luster.

**Entrance Hall**

A 20-foot high entrance hall en-

ters into the building, which Mrs. Carr call "priceless."

Mr. Carr owns the Trenton Tobacco co.

One of the older and more spacious homes is owned by the Murray family. The home was constructed in 1923.

"We wanted space to ride our horses," Mrs. Murray said.

The home was built on a corn field and is furnished with a pleasant mixture of modern and antique surroundings. Value of the home is difficult to ascertain.

**Built In 20's**

It was built in the 20's, when such domains were few. It wouldn't be a far too wrong guess to say the house may today be worth into six figures.

Certainly not all the homes fit into the exquisite class of the Carr and the Murray domiciles.

But there are 50 to 100 homes that show outward signs of higher upper bracket income.

And for the rest, that is the direction in which they aim.

### I'm No Philanthropist

### Morrisville Man Willing To Sell If Price Is Right

"I'm no philanthropist."

Those were the words of Paul Sullivan of Morrisville on the suggestion that he offer the borough land free of charge for the Washington street extension.

"I own the property and I have no idea of giving it away. It's worth about \$20,000 and I expect to be paid for it if the borough wants it."

A committee, under John Sawyer, Morrisville councilman, is studying the possibility of extending Washington street across Bridge street.

The property owned by Sullivan, would be used as a parking lot, and greatly improve business operations in the area.

At a meeting with businessmen last week, Sawyer hinted the

### Ordinance Up For Approval

Morrisville's lone developer, Russell Gindin, representing the Ross Realty co., was brought up to date on a new street ordinance, Edward Mannix, ordinance chairman said today.

"Gindin has been developing in the borough for about 20 years. He has made agreements with the borough on each individual development. Now we have set specifications he must follow.

"He happens to be the only developer in the borough at present but we are also setting these specifications for future developers," Mr. Mannix said.

"There is still a great deal of land near Grandview estates which remains to be developed and the ordinance will control street conditions along this area.

"The main point of the new ordinance provides for developers bearing the entire cost of street construction rather than sharing it with the borough," Mr. Mannix said.

"If the borough ever constructs streets now, the developer will be obliged to reimburse us," he said.

### Meanest Man In Town

Bob Steward, Morrisville borough secretary, has a candidate for the meanest man in town.

Two stray dogs were picked up Saturday wandering along the borough streets.

"One was a big, loud-barking thing and the other was just a small pup.

"We figured the big dog would chew up the little fellow so we locked the big one in the cage outside the borough office and took the little one home for the weekend.

"We expected to take both of the dogs to the SPCA today.

"My six-year-old son Robert, Jr., was walking the little dog yesterday when a guy pulls up in a car, jumps out, and grabs the dog from the boy.

"It nearly scared the wits out of Bobby."

The man didn't bother explaining if the dog was really his but just grabbed it and took off, the secretary said.

"He's in for a good fine if we catch him and a piece of my mind to go with it," the secretary said.

### Yardley Span Proposal Is Forward Step

A report filed with the Delaware River Bridge commission is a "united proposal of interested parties and a constructive step" towards solution of the Yardley bridge problem, Franklin Wood of the Bucks county Planning Commission said today.

"The commission now has the report. We received very cordial treatment from the commission and are hopeful the bridge people will take favorable action on the proposal," Mr. Wood said.

**Alternate Site**

The detailed report, compiled by the Planning commission in conjunction with Yardley, Lower Makefield township, and Ewing township, Trenton, suggests an alternate site for location of the new span.

"The report doesn't pinpoint the area," Mr. Wood said.

**General Locale**

"We are just trying to narrow it down to a general location.

"It's for the engineers to actually determine final position of the bridge," he said.

State highway officials have also received copies of the recommendations of the planning group.

"We think it's an example of good government and wise planning on the part of the interested parties to have prepared this report.

**Get Idea**

"Now the officials who have to make the final decision will at least have an idea of what the people concerned want," he said.

It was indicated federal funds might also be available for the construction of the span.

The cost of construction of the bridge would then be shared by Pennsylvania and New Jersey, one-quarter each, and the federal government would pay the other half.

### Births LOWER BUCKS HOSPITAL

**JAN. 27**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald, 51 Violet road, Levittown, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tochterman, 2136 Bristol pike, Cornwells Heights, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lerch, 209 Suffolk road, Fairless Hills, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. James Maloney, 14 Macintosh road, Levittown, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baxter, 353 Indian Creek drive, Levittown, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harris, 6 Gamewood road, Levittown, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Creamer, 530 Magnolia avenue, Croydon, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Keppley, P. O. Box 73, Fairless Hills, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rabuck, 12 Trenton Circle, Fairless Hills, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. George Frye, 4028 Bristol pike, Croydon, boy.

### DELAWARE VALLEY HOSPITAL

**JAN. 7**

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony DiMico, Bristol RD 3, a boy, Bruce Stanley.

**JAN. 9**

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pierson, 1102 Third avenue, Croydon, a boy, Thomas Fred, Jr.

**JAN. 13**

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hubbs, 805 Station avenue, Langhorne Manor, a boy, Charles Edward.

**JAN. 14**

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Hale, 530 Court B, Bristol Terrace 2, a girl, Barbara Anne.

**JAN. 16**

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Pastore, 1100 New Rogers Road, Bristol RD 1, a girl, Patricia Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder, 3523 Windsor drive, Cornwells Heights, a girl, Kathleen Dolores.

**JAN. 17**

Mr. and Mrs. John Kutchen, 264 Doone road, Fairless Hills, a boy, Richard Joseph.

**JAN. 20**

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gring, 473 Forest avenue, Langhorne, a girl, Monica Lee.

'I'm Not So Sure'



George Chewning studies the car he is about to give away to Betsy Burgess in a "swap shop" at the Capitol View Elementary school in Morrisville. The children are third grade students in the school.

### Time Needed For Careful Idea Survey

The possibility of the Morrisville school system joining the Pennsbury system in a jointure may be picking up some steam, it was learned today.

Medill Bair, regional superintendent of the Pennsbury system, who proposed the jointure possibility be studied in November, said "committees are actively engaged in examining the question."

"This is not something that can come into being overnight.

"It will take long study and involved planning before any definite steps can be made.

"At present each individual school board making up the Pennsbury system has a committee working on it, he said.

Morrisville has a committee, headed by Leonard Perry, also examining the possibility of jointure.

**Joint Meeting**

"After the respective committees have gathered some data on the possibility of jointure and the pros and cons of it, a big step forward would be a meeting of the Pennsbury and Morrisville committees," Mr. Bair said.

"No meeting has been set between the two school systems. The only way to really get to the bottom of the thing would be for representatives of both groups to sit down together and thrash it out," he said.

**League Report**

The Pennsylvania Economy League made a study of the structure of the Morrisville school system and its prospective future needs. Its report is expected to be released shortly.

"The State usually favors jointure movements, such as the one proposed for several reasons," Mr. Bair said.

"It encourages jointure because, above all, the students benefit from modern facilities and more up-to-date methods. Also, the financial condition of a jointure permits greater use of specialists.

"Specialists are rarely available in schools that are not part of jointures," Mr. Bair said.

William Anderson, president of the Morrisville school board, said the Morrisville committee is studying the proposal but "hasn't reported to the board on its study."

### Derby Group Meets Tonight

Sponsoring service clubs will meet tonight to further plans for Lower Bucks County's 1957 Soap Box Derby. Club representatives will convene at 8:30 in the Christ Evangelical Church, Lakeside drive and Low lane, Levittown.

The Bristol Daily Courier and Levittown Times is sponsoring the Derby in conjunction with the service clubs and local Chevrolet dealers. Weed Chevrolet of Bristol and Reedman Motors, Levittown.

### Pennsbury Schools To Set Election For Dance Queen

The student councils of Pennsbury High School, Charles Boehm Jr. high, and William Penn Junior high, will conduct nominations and elections for the queen and attendants of the Parenten Frolic, which will be held at the Pennsbury High School on February 16, 1957.

The affair, which has now become an annual tradition in the Pennsbury Schools, is sponsored by the combined PTA to raise money for its student scholarship fund.

The queen, "Miss Pennsbury," will be chosen from nominees of the junior class. Her runnersup will serve as attendants.

There will also be an attendant from both the tenth and twelfth grade classes; and the eighth and ninth grade classes will have two representatives each, since they come from separate junior highs.

The voting for "Miss Pennsbury" and her court will take place sometime in the early part of February and all students will have an opportunity to vote.

### Levittown Man Jailed

William Reed, 57 Gentle road, Goldenridge, Levittown, was sentenced to three months to a year in Bucks County Prison this morning after pleading guilty to a drunken driving charge.

Reed had two previous convictions for drunken driving and lost his license a third time previously for failure to maintain financial responsibility on his automobile.

He was also sentenced by Judge Edwin H. Satterthwaite to pay a \$100 fine on a charge of operating a car with a suspended license. Another fine of \$100 was imposed on the drunk driving charge.

He was arrested on Oct. 28 following an accident at Farragut avenue and Jackson street, Bristol, where police said he became disorderly.

**DELIVERANCE**

GLENWOOD, Ill. — UP — Ministers brought deliverance to 400 school pupils here Sunday. They delivered school officials' message that there would be no grade school today because of a broken water pump.

### Morrisville Legion Considers Tribute

Morrisville's American Legion post 433 will meet tomorrow at the post home to consider buying a memorial for the borough.

The stone memorial is to be placed in the Morrisville cemetery and be financed by a contribution by the post, the Morrisville VFW post, and through civic donations.

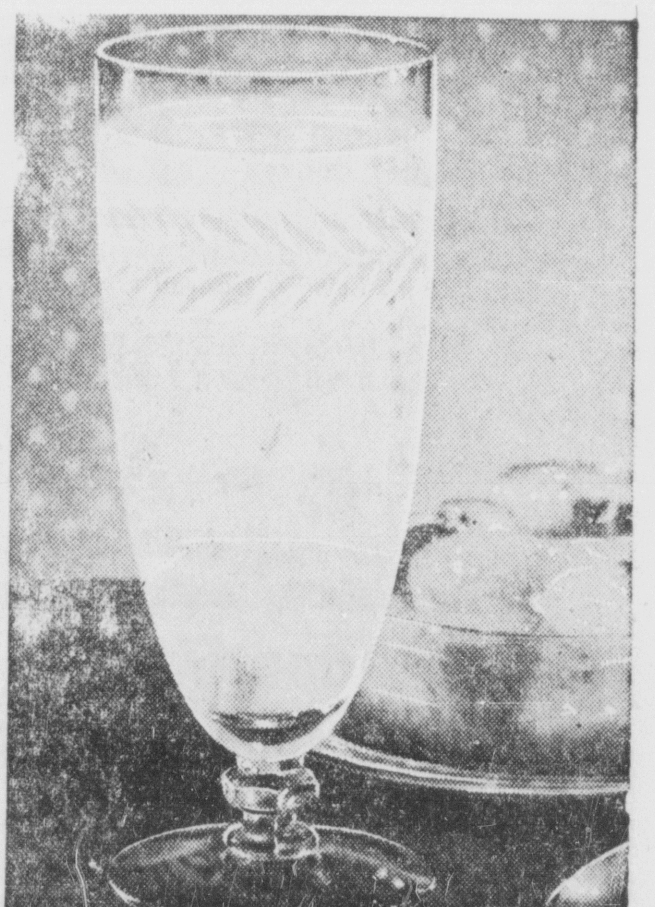
A committee, which met with representatives of the VFW post will report to the full legion body for approval of the measure.

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A committee from the Morrisville VFW post plans the meeting awarding the community service award. The selection committee members (from left) are James Quill, Wilber Albright, Jr., Robert Williams, Sr., and Walter Koons.

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